

Situational Report for truck drivers - February 8, 2022

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Hello,

Please find the Trade and Transport SITREP attached.

Bottom Line Up Front

- 76.4% of drivers were Cdn/PR while 23.6% were FN
- 9.2% decrease in truck drivers in 2022 compared to 2021
- 8.6% decrease in trucks in 2022 compared to 2021
- 99.60% fully vaxxed in land Trade and Transport
- 98.1% use of ArriveCAN in Trade and Transport
- 2 Cdn/PR unvaxx truck drivers directed to quarantine
- 1 US FN unvaxx truck driver directed back to the US
- 1 Cdn/PR unvaxx truck drivers returned to Canada by US CBP

Communications

Nine calls and counting asking for an update on situation at Ambassador Bridge; one asking for update on Coutts. Working with regional communications on updates to previous media responses.

Media coverage:

- Top story in the clippings this morning continues to focus on the trucker protest with articles reporting on the swarming of police officers in Ottawa ([CTV News Ottawa](#); [Global News](#)) news that Ottawa is "under siege" with the ongoing protest ([CTV News](#)) vows by protesters that they will stay put despite increased police enforcement ([Ottawa Citizen](#)) and polling that two-thirds of Ottawa residents oppose the convoy ([CTV News Ottawa](#))
- [Postmedia](#) reporting that the 150,000-member Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association is adding their name to the growing list of those calling on PM Trudeau and President Biden to end vaccination requirements for cross-border truck drivers.
- News out of Ottawa that a judge has granted an interim injunction to silence honking horns, air horns and train horns with the judge stating that "tooting a horn is not an expression of any great thought that [he is] aware of". The order came out of a proposed class-action lawsuit file by a 21-year old public servant ([CBC News](#); [Canadian Press](#) (National Post, Toronto Star, Global News); [CityNews Ottawa](#); [Ottawa Citizen](#); [ICI Ottawa-Gatineau](#); [BBC News](#); [Sky News](#); [Reuters](#))
- Reporting as well on the emergency debate that took place last evening in the House over the ongoing protests in Ottawa and across Canada against public health measures. [CBC News](#); [Radio-Canada](#)
- News as well out of the Windsor area on protests that blocked Canada-bound traffic on the Ambassador Bridge yesterday articles are neutral and factual, pointing out that the bridge is one of the busiest and most-relied upon for commercial traffic into Canada. ([CBC News](#); [Windsor Star](#); [Radio-Canada](#); [CBC News Windsor](#); [ICI Toronto](#); [CTV News Windsor](#); [WXYZ Detroit](#); [Agence QMI](#) (Journal de Québec); [Blackburn News](#); [Windsor Star](#) (London Free Press); [Detroit News](#))

Social Media:

- Same articles are being shared on social media, including a Tweet from Randy Hillier urging people to call in sick to work, grab a jerry can and head to the closest border crossing or provincial capital to join the #FreedomConvoy2022

([\(20\) Randy Hillier on Twitter: "Time for a General Strike across our nation. Call into work-tell them you have the sniffles, get in your truck, grab a jerry can and head to the closest border crossing or provincial capital- End the Mandates, now! #FreedomConvoy2022 #cdnpoli #NoMoreLockdowns" / Twitter](#))

Protest media coverage over the past 12 hours:

Reporting from this timeframe covered the emergency debate in the House of Commons, in which the Prime Minister, who attended in person after recovering from COVID-19, asked the protestors to leave Ottawa. In addition, a number of articles recapped an interview on a local network with Ottawa Police Chief Sloly, who continued to make an appeal for additional policing resources to be deployed to the city. Furthermore, pieces also discussed ongoing blockades at both the Ambassador Bridge connecting Windsor, Ontario and Detroit, as well as Coutts, Alberta where protestors have blocked "all traffic" according to reporting early this morning.

OTTAWA

Manifestation: la police d'Ottawa a besoin de 1800 personnes de plus

[Le Droit](#) (La Tribune, Le Soleil); [Ottawa Sun](#); [Agence QMI](#) (Journal de Montréal, Journal de Québec)

Ottawa police ask for help as judge muffles horns

[Toronto Star](#); [Canadian Press](#) (Hamilton Spectator, Kitchener Waterloo Record, Red Deer Advocate); [La Presse](#); [Postmedia](#) (London Free Press, National Post, Vancouver Province, Regina Leader-Post, Cape Breton Post, Halifax Chronicle Herald); [Ottawa Citizen](#); [Globe and Mail](#)

'Fearful' downtown Ottawa residents flee their homes as protest continues

[CBC News](#)

Council votes to pin extra policing costs on those responsible for incurring them

[CBC News: Ottawa](#)

Truck protest 'hijacked'

[Winnipeg Sun](#)

State of emergency declared in Ottawa as police crack down

[Canadian Press](#) (Whitehorse Star); [ICI Radio-Canada](#)

Un résident dénonce un «niveau d'incompétence héroïque» à Ottawa

[Le Droit](#) (la Voix de l'Est, la Tribune, le Nouvelliste, le Soleil, le Quotidien)

Aucun remorqueur pour déplacer les camions, clament le maire et la police d'Ottawa

[ICI Radio-Canada](#)

LES PATRONS DE RDI SONT À FOUTRE DEHORS

[Agence QMI](#) (Journal de Montréal, Journal de Québec)

Towing companies on city contracts refuse to move convoy vehicles

[CBC News](#)

'This needs to end'

[Brunswick News](#) (Moncton Times and Transcript, Fredericton Daily Gleaner, New Brunswick Telegraph Journal); [Presse Canadienne](#) (Le Droit, le Soleil, le Nouvelliste, la Tribune, la Voix de l'Est, le Quotidien, le Devoir); [Canadian Press](#) (National Post, Edmonton Journal, Montreal Gazette, Vancouver Sun, Saskatoon Star Phoenix, Windsor Star, Calgary Herald); [Postmedia](#) (Ottawa Sun, Ottawa Citizen); [iPolitics](#); [Bloomberg](#)

COUTTS, AB

All traffic now blocked at Alberta's Coutts border crossing, says RCMP tweet

[CBC News](#); [Canadian Press](#) (CTV News); [Edmonton Journal](#); [CBC News](#)

WINDSOR, ON

CBSA lists Ambassador Bridge 'temporarily closed' as protestors continue to block international crossing

[CBC News](#); [CityNews: Toronto](#)

Bridge traffic at standstill as protesters park rigs

[Windsor Star](#); [Global News](#); [CP24](#) (2022-02-07)

QUEBEC

We'll be ready if convoy returns

[Montreal Gazette](#)

La police de Québec se félicite pour sa gestion de la manifestation de camionneurs

[Le Devoir](#)

OTHER

Neo-Nazis and QAnon: how Canadian truckers' anti-vaccine protest was steered by extremists

[Guardian UK](#)

Ottawa can probe foreign funding for efforts 'to undermine public safety': Mendicino

[Globe and Mail](#)

Ontario Trucking Association distances itself from protests

[Kingston Whig-Standard](#)

Fundraiser for trucker protest demonstrates the case for Bitcoin-like it or not

[The Logic](#)

Police restraint resolved protest safely

[Regina Leader-Post](#)

Canada has depopulated unyielding protests before

[National Post](#)

What hit us?: Why intelligence agencies never saw 'Freedom Convoy' coming

[Postmedia](#) (Ottawa Sun, Ottawa Citizen; A1)

'Freedom protest' a serious security threat as Islamophobic, anti-Semitic elements take front stage

[Hill Times](#) (2022-02-07)

OPINION & EDITORIALS

SOCIAL MEDIA:

[Chris Ensing CBC](#)

The Ambassador Bridge is closed. Here's the scene at Huron Church and College right now. Police say it was calm overnight. I've noticed the backlog of transport trucks caught in the protest have moved.

[glen_mcgregor](#)

This was a key message in the protesters "emergency" press conference tonight. They believe RCMP and other police about to start kettling them, à la Toronto G20, and are calling on supporters to come to Ottawa to help.

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Here is one of the protest organizers, Tom Marazzo, tonight proposing to participate in a coalition of opposition parties with the Governor General, a variant on the bonkers MOU pushed by Canada Unity.

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We haven't seen much of Marazzo this week. Looks like he's an IT instructor at Seneca and Georgian College, and has some role with the anti-vax group, Police on Guard for Thee. If things go his plan, he will soon be forming a coalition with opp parties and the GG.

[Alex Panetta](#)

Yet another poll putting support for the convoy at 32% in Canada. So all the surveys are saying the same thing: that it's unpopular, but not quite to the point of being politically toxic.

PHAC Compliance and Enforcement Fines Issued for Commercial Drivers

The total number of fines issued to commercial drivers since January 15, 2022

Date	Number of Notifications to Compliance & Enforcement for fines issues
2022-01-15	2
2022-01-16	4
2022-01-17	0
2022-01-18	2
2022-01-19	0
2022-01-20	4
2022-01-21	0
2022-01-22	0
2022-01-23	0
2022-01-24	0
2022-01-25	0
2022-01-26	1
2022-01-27	0
2022-01-28	0
2022-01-29	0
2022-01-30	0
2022-01-31	0
2022-02-01	0
2022-02-02	0
2022-02-03	0
2022-02-04	0
2022-02-05	0
2022-02-06	0
2022-02-07	0
Total	13

Provincial fines breakdown:

Province	Fines Issued
Alberta	0
British Columbia	0
Manitoba	10
New Brunswick	0
Newfoundland and Labrador	0
Nova Scotia	0
Ontario	3
Prince Edward Island	0
Quebec	0

Saskatchewan	0
Yukon	0
Other	0
Total	13